

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Leilani Takano (LT)  
Rachel Rounds (RR)

Coralie Cobb (CC)

1. TABLE OF RECOVERY HABITAT – LT asked for an expanded version of the recovery habitat calculations similar to Table 6-1. Proposed Action and Associated Impacts to Recovery Habitat from the BA.
2. METRICS IN THE BA – Issue relates to length of MPMG. The data in the SEIS (page 2-8 of the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation (2012 Roadmap Adjustments) SEIS Final February 2015) and BA (pg. 18) are consistent. “The proposed MPMG Range would have eight stationary firing lanes to support training with 5.56-mm, 7.62-mm, and 0.50-cal weapons, as well as 40-mm inert training rounds (i.e., non-explosive). The range would be 175 yards (160 m) wide at the firing line, expanding to 350 yards (320 m) wide at the far end of the range. The range would be 1093.6 yards (1,000 m) long and would include a 25 foot (8 m) tall impact berm at the far end of the range. The range footprint would encompass approximately 59 acres (24 ha).”
3. DOD INSPECTION OF THE SDZ WITHIN THE GUAM NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE – Personnel will need to conduct a morning inspection of a section of a beach within the GNWR before the living firing range is active each day. The purpose of the access is to ensure the water portion of the SDZ is clear. Range Safety Specialists (RSS) will access the areas using existing dirt roads within the Refuge. The RSS will access the location by using an ATV type vehicle. We envision the ATV to be a 2 or 4 passenger Gator type vehicle. The portion of the SDZ that cannot be seen by radar is easily accessible by the existing dirt road in the Refuge and by walking a short distance to the radar “blind spot.”

The RSS will get out of the ATV and move to an area where the water portion of the SDZ can be seen (not on the beach).

The RSS will use a pair of binoculars to clear the water portion of the SDZ.

The RSS will walk back to the ATV and drive out the same trail taken to get to the access locations. Once the SDZ has been cleared, the RSS would notify Range Control and depart the area. Time elapsed, 20 min.

This action will be non-intrusive as the RSS does not actually have to walk on the beach; thereby no nesting turtles will be affected. As part of the RSS training package, they would be directed to not interact with the turtles and report all sightings to FWS.

4. DISCUSSION ON MITIGATION FRAMEWORK TO ADDRESS RECOVERY HABITAT LOSS ON GUAM – CC offered a counter proposal where the focus would not be on the 4.8 to 1 habitat conservation ratio proposed by FWS in December but DON proposes to incorporate habitat conservation as part of the INRMP. The JRM INRMP is in the process of being updated and could be revised to include management area designations for the planners and conservationists with a simplified means of identifying areas

most important for conservation and areas more conducive to development similar to the INRMP for Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

DON to provide more specifics on the proposal.

5. SERIANTHES – FWS concerned about bracing the Serianthes as an avoidance and minimization measure bracing for other species has been tried with minimal success. FWS suggests fencing the buffer around the Serianthes. Ungulate fencing between the access road to the observation tower and the western limits of the MPMG would provide a buffer for the tree. In addition, questions about outplanting the tree and seed storage. Outplanting of the Serianthes is included as part of the forest enhancement (Section 2.4.3 of the BA) “propagation, planting, and establishment of dominant and rare species that are characteristic of native limestone forest habitats (e.g., *A. mariannensis*, *G. mariannae*, *F. prolixa*, *M. citrifolia*, *C. micronesica*, *W. elliptica*, *S. nelsonii*, *H. longipetiolata*, *T. rotensis*). “ FWS to provide some information on seed storage and propagation for DON to consider.
6. GUAM NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (GNWR) – Per February 3, 2015 e-mail from Mike Carrier, the proposed relocation of the GNWR to land currently designated as critical habitat is not acceptable to the FWS. Captain Campbell has e-mailed the FWS Field Supervisor asking about another suitable location. The Biological Opinion will not include impacts to critical habitat or recovery habitat for the relocation of the GNWR (12 acres)
7. USGS Brown Treesnake Research Enclosure fence – CC – is this issue resolved? LT to check with Domingo to ensure all issues have been addressed.
8. ISR STRIKE FENCING – LT to review January 16, 2015 notes and let CC know if there are any outstanding issues.
9. PROPOSED THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES – FWS – When can they expect to receive the conference report? CC – February 13, 2015. CC resolving species presence and GIS data. In addition, DON needs internal review. LT – is there any updated information on the proposed threatened and endangered species? CC to check with JRM.
10. JANUARY 16, 2015 MEETING NOTES – CC to separate out the note from the January 8, 2015 meeting on Oahu. LT and RR to review meeting notes and provide comments.
11. BTS/BIOSECURITY – RR – Earl does have some concerns regarding the BTS and biosecurity measures in the BA. No details as of yet. Expect comments by next week.
12. NMS TRAINING AREAS – DON will not include NMS training area in conference report. No JGPO ground training planned in the area in the next 5 years. DON will re-initiate if the species are listed and there is a potential for effect. All DoD training is coordinated through JRM.